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USAF EOD State of the Service Brief

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- **USAF EOD Program**
 - “Who We Are”
 - “Where We Are”
 - “What We’ve Done”
- **Challenges**
- **Successes**
- **Remembering**
- **Questions**





AFPD 32-30 ***EOD Program***

- **Governing policy directive for AF EOD program**
- **Organized as EOD flights under the Civil Engineer Squadron**
 - **Follows the typical AF Wing, Group, Squadron and Flight structure**
- **Nine primary mission areas:**
 - **Aerospace Platform response (combat, cargo, and Space Launch Vehicles)**
 - **Force Protection**
 - **WMD response**
 - **Nuclear**
 - **UXO response**
 - **Range Clearance**
 - **Port Mortuary**
 - **Support to Civil Authorities/VIPPSA**
 - **Training**



Explosive Ordnance Disposal ***Who We Are***

- **One of the most stressed career fields**
- **Maintain ~ 230 specialized equip UTCs**
- **Deployed and sustain ~ 100 theater UTCs**
- **Primary missions**
 - **Support combat aircraft sortie generation, nuclear stockpile, aerial ports and force protection**
- **Secondary missions**
 - **Provide EOD tactical and operational expertise to joint force/SOF and partnering nations**
- **Improvised Explosive Device growth as weapon of choice for insurgents has increased demand for EOD**
- **Irregular Warfare and Counter-Insurgency conflicts have highlighted shortage of CIED enablers**
- **Joint Force Doctrine changing to reflect expanding EOD/CIED requirements**





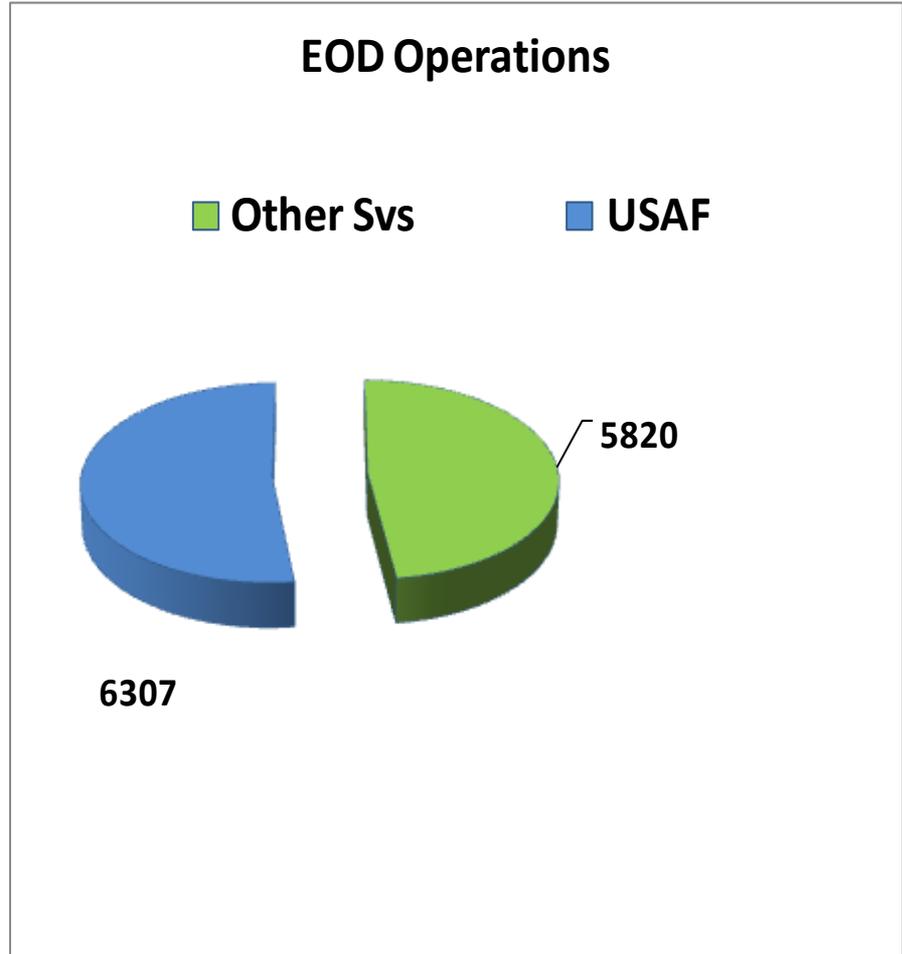
Explosive Ordnance Disposal Where We Are

- 74 CONUS/OCONUS bases (total force)
 - Five flights supporting EUCOM Commander priorities
 - Eight flights supporting PACOM Commander priorities
- CENTCOM: ~ 33 locations in Afghanistan/Iraq, 5 locations outside
 - ~ 130 deployed in Afghanistan
 - Largest presence in RC-S with almost 75% of EOD force
 - Over 50% of EOD force in theater the last two years
 - ~ 110 deployed in Iraq
 - Significant reduction expected by end of year
 - ~ 30 at Air Expeditionary Wings (AEW) and Groups (AEG) outside combat theater



EOD Operations OEF/OIF (1 Jan 09 - Pres) What We've Done

- Missions Consists of:
 - Improvised Explosive Device
 - Route Clearance
 - Cache
 - Post Blast
 - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)
 - Enemy Attack
 - Explosive Remnants of War



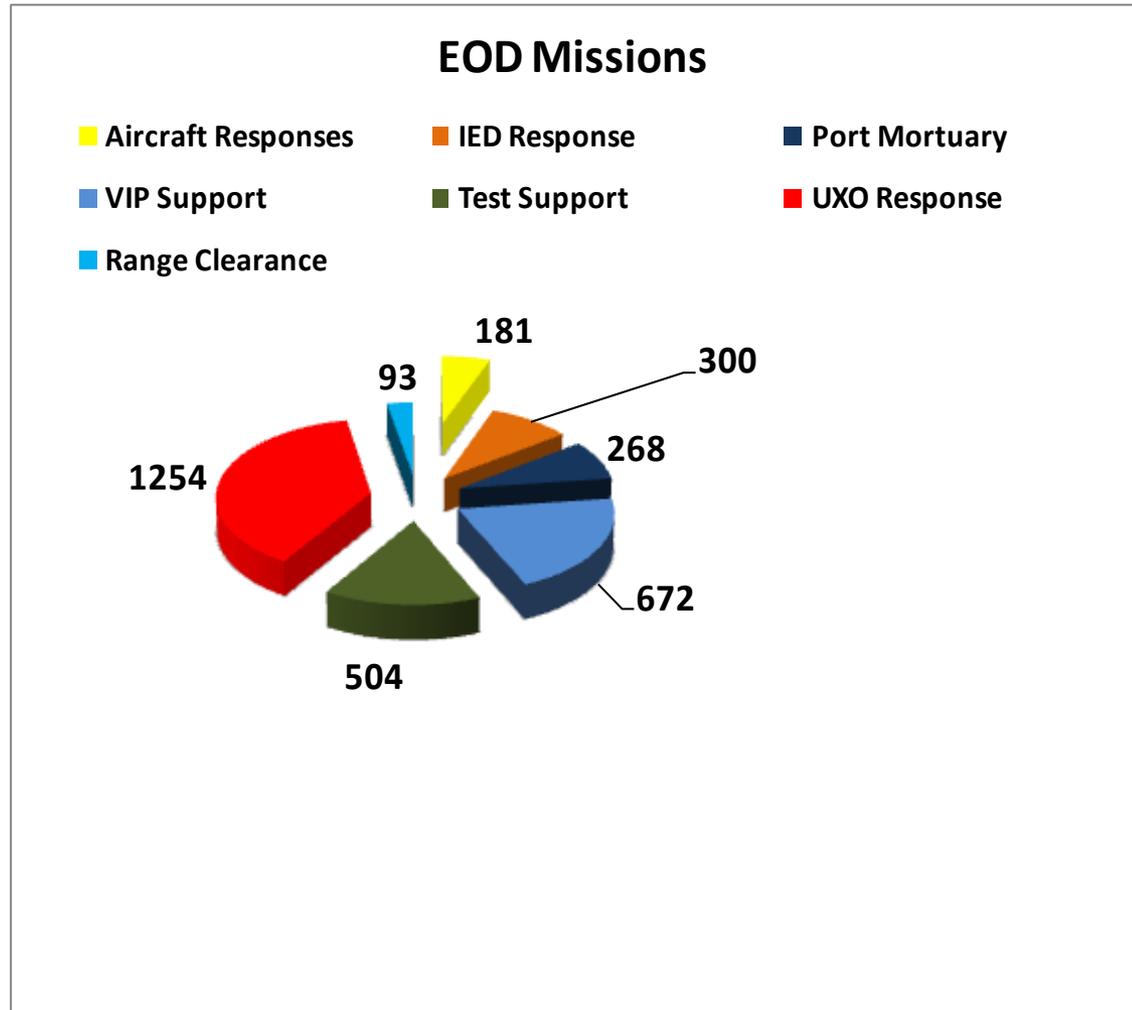
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EOD Operations (1 Jan 09 - Pres) What We've Done Outside Theater

■ Nine Mission Areas

- Aircraft response
- Force Protection
- WMD response
- Nuclear
- UXO response
- Range Clearance
- Port Mortuary
- Support to Civil Authorities/VIPPSA
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Information derived from USAF EOD Information Management System



USAF EOD Challenges

- **NAVSCOLEOD Attrition**
 - **Emotion Quotient Inventory (EQ-i)**
 - **Moving Prelim course from Lackland AFB to Sheppard AFB**
 - **Physical Assessment Skills Test**
 - **2AF considering placement of EOD accessions in newly developed Battlefield Airman BMTS**

- **Retention**
 - **Increased Promotions--chronic critical skills plus-ups**
 - **Increased Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (SRB)**
 - **Special Duty Assignment Incentive Pay (SDAP)**
 - **1299 auth - 970 assigned (75%)... {56 women assigned ~4%}**

- **Nuclear Support and Global Strike Command**

- **Balancing Home Station Support with Deployed JFC Support**



USAF EOD Successes

- **Combat Battlefield Ready Airman Course**
- **Contract Technical Support**
- **MRAP and M-ATV Fielding**
 - **105 MRAP CAT I and II fielded since Jan 08 (AF EOD Variant)**
 - **48 M-ATV being fielded with CROWS II**
- **Joint Robotics Repair Facility**
- **Transformation**
 - **Incorporating in CE Doctrine**
 - **EOD Vision 2020**





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Questions